Steps for speedy disposal of cases

1103.SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that anachronistic investigative methods, coupled with archaic procedural and criminal laws are a major cause of judicial delays and the increasing acquittals, thereby creating a tension-free environments for terrorists, separatists, mafias, tax thieves etc.;

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to adopt with a view to ensuring speedy dispensation of justice; and

(c) how the menace of planted and stock witness, complete volte-face by witnesses, and uninspiring confidence, at times exhibited by trying judges, is proposed to be tackled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) Criminal laws are amended from time to time to deal with the socio-economic environment in the country and changing crime patterns. Laws are framed or amended to meet the changing trends in criminal offences.

(b) For speedy dispensation of justice, Government has taken various actions like establishment of fast track courts in many places in the country.

(c) In the Indian Penal Code, provisions are already there for punishing anybody for giving false evidence. The Criminal Law (Amendment) Bill, 2003 has already been moved in the Parliament for amending the Code of criminal procedure, to deal with the problem of witnesses turning hostile. It has provisions for summary trial for perjury and also enhanced punishment for this offence.

National Judicial Commission

1104. DR. VIJAY MALLYA:
SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Commission to review the